Policeman martyred in clash, health unit blown up in Bannu

By Our Correspondent

LAKKI MARWAT: A police official embraced martyrdom while at least 14 people, 10 policemen among them, were injured in a fierce clash with terrorists in Mamandkhel area of Bannu district on Thursday.

An official source said on the basis of initial information that police were conducting a search operation following information about presence of terrorists in the area.

"During the operation, a fierce gun battle erupted when the law enforcement personnel backed by commandos of Elite Force and armoured personnel carriers confronted the terrorists near Masoomabad in Mamandkhel area along Bannu-Miranshah road," he said.

He said driver Abid, a police constable and a resident of Sikandarkhel Bsala, lost his life in an intense exchange of fire between the law enforcers and Khwarij that lasted for several hours.

"The wounded policemen and civilians were hurried to the District Headquarters Hospital in Bannu city," he maintained. The injured policemen included DSP Malik Ihsan and constables Irshad, Anwarullah, Ishaq, Baseer, Hazrat Ali, Sajjad Ali, Asmatullah, Wahidullah and Abdul Samad.

Four civilians who were also wounded in the gunfight were identified as Hussainur Rehman, Muzammil Khan, Lajbaar Khan and an eight-year old girl, Wahaj.

The source claimed that several terrorists were also killed and injured during the gunfight.

Separately, terrorists blew up the building of a health unit in the Bakkakhel town of Bannu district.

Officials said that an improvised explosive device (IED) planted along the building went off with a bang, damaging the infrastructure.

They said no casualties occurred as a result of the explosion. After the blast, a heavy police contingent reached the area and launched a search for the perpetrators.

Only KP chief minister will make decisions for peace: minister

Says govt believes in sorting out matters through dialogue; all political parties invited to Nov 12 jirga

By Umer Farooq

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa minister for information Shafiullah Jan on Thursday said the provincial government believed in sorting out matters through dialogue but it was only the provincial chief executive who could make decisions for ensuring lasting peace in the province.

He said that a peace jirga had been called at the KP Assembly on Nov 12 to take all stakeholders in the loop about security-related matters so that any decision about it was acceptable to them, paving the way for effective implementation.

"We have the people's mandate to make decisions. Any decision for lasting peace in the province will be made by the chief minister [Sohail Afridi], and the provincial government will implement them," Mr Jan told a news conference here.

The chief minister's aide said that the major challenge faced by the provincial government was the delicate law and order situation in the province as well as on the Afghan border. He said that lawmakers in the KP Assembly discussed the issue for two months, leading to the formation of a 37-member special parliamentary committee on security with Speaker Babar Saleem Swati as its head and Mr Afridi, Leader of the Opposition Dr Ibadullah and parliamentary heads of political parties as its members.

The minister said that the chief minister phoned heads of all political parties in the province and invited them to the jirga to provide their suggestions on the matter.

He said holding the sitting was important as the KP government was seriously involved to address the issue.

"This will be a historical jirga where representatives of all political parties and tribal elders will give their suggestions. A meeting will also be held with Peshawar's corps commander," he said.

The minister said once everything was done, the chief minister would talk to the stakeholders to decide the terms of references. He said his party was against military operation and would never allow any military offensive against militants in KP.

Mr Jan said that there was no need to bring the 27th Constitutional amendment.

The minister wondered why Chief of the Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir didn't invite political leadership during a recent jirga held with tribesmen.

Mr Swati said that the KP lawmakers were opposed to military operations but an offensive against terrorists was continuing in several districts. He said operations were being carried out against terrorists for a long time, with the people being dislocated. The minister also questioned locals displaced despite the presence of 123,000 police personnel, two divisions of armed forces in Waziristan alone and five divisions in others.

He said the province paid the cost of military operations and people's displacement. The minister said ToRs would be laid before the government for decision.

MNA Sher Ali Arbab said the law and order situation was bad in the province even after "thousands" of intelligence-based operations had been carried out.

"It is irresponsible for little ministers from the large province to accuse KP's government and its people for colluding with terrorists merely for opposing a military operation," he said.

Mr Ali added that if the military operation had failed to achieve objectives, why authorities didn't move forward through collective wisdom instead of taking decisions behind closed doors.

He said that under Article 7 of the Constitution, which defined the State, the only building on the Khyber Road representing the state was the provincial assembly. The lawmaker said consultation and consensus was the job of the government or assemblies and not that of civil or military executives. He said that the province was not in a position to suffer further devastation and that decisions should be taken in the provincial assembly.

PTI provincial general secretary Ali Asghar requested political parties to share their suggestions and represent their people. "Mr Imran Khan and our party have a clear stand that there should be no military operation. Our party wants a long-term solution so that people are never displaced and they never suffer," he said. Mr Asghar also called for measures to bring people and institutions close and said the law and order situation in KP had an impact on the entire country.

Former minister Kamran Bangash said Pakhtun history showed the resolution of issues through jirgas only.

He appreciated the provincial government and assembly for inviting stakeholders to decide the future course of action on law and order.

Legal experts question rationale behind new legislation plan

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Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court.

The need to establish the Federal Constitutional Court is understandable, had Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah or Justice Munib Akhtar also been included in the CB. But when these judges are not part of the bench, then what is the purpose of establishing this court, he asked.

About speculations that the executive magistracy may be restored through the proposed Amendment, the counsel conceded that the judicial magistracy had failed to meet the expectations since it was common knowledge that they never resisted the remand of an accused in important cases. The reverting back to the executive magistracy will effectively be used to control the streets, he said.

Regarding the transfer of judges, he said that when the CB through a majority judgement has already empowered the government to transfer any high court to another high court, what more does the government intend to achieve?

Inevitable continuation

Meanwhile, former additional attorney general Tariq Mehmood Khokhar was of the view that the proposed 27th Amendment was the inevitable continuation of the 26th Amendment.

The executive wants to tighten its grip on the judiciary: granting unfettered power to transfer high court judges, a federal constitutional court as the ultimate guardian of the Constitution with its head chairing the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) and the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC), thus playing a pivotal role in the appointment and ouster of judges and reducing the present Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) to an ineffectual position, he said.

The nation must brace itself for a long struggle against praetorian judges, the rollback of the independent judiciary, and the weight of the executive on the scales of justice, he feared.

According to former Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Muhammad Akram Sheikh, the result of the general election on Feb 8, 2024, stunned the electors, monitoring agencies and the media beyond reproach.

The ruling elite then impose 'PCO' by giving an oath to willing judges while relieving others and thus nailing down the entire superior court. The regime inflicted unprecedented harm on the most paramount state organ of an independent judiciary, Akram Sheikh regretted, adding that the ruling elite decided to punish the Supreme Court in a manner not ever thought about by the respective military regimes.

Former Senate chairman Raza Rabbani, considered to be one of the architects of the 18th Amendment, feared that in the brittle political situation prevalent in the country, the proposed tweaks would cast a shadow over the federation that may also help regain an extra nationalist narrative.

The proposed Amendment that deals with the question of bringing changes to the removal of protection for the share of provinces in the divisible pool through the National Finance Commission (NFC), as well as restoring the devolved ministries back to the federal government, amounts to the rollback of the 18th Amendment.

In Jan 2015, Mr Rabbani regretted after a vote on the 21st Amendment, which provided for military courts to try terrorists, stating he was ashamed of voting for the bill, although he did so in line with his party's discipline.

Border trouble tests truce as Pak-Afghan talks resume

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of talks in Istanbul.

Before formal discussions resumed in Istanbul for the third round, Turkish and Qatari intelligence officials held separate consultations with both sides. The talks later continued in both direct and indirect formats.

A Pakistani official familiar with the delegation's position said Islamabad's demands remain "non-negotiable."

"Pakistan's position is clear," the official said. "Our position is based on ground realities and solid information. We are seeking a verification mechanism to ensure that commitments made by Taliban representatives are kept. This includes the handover of all TTP leadership currently sheltered in Afghanistan."

He added that the Pakistani delegation had proposed neutral, third-party observers to look into the presence of "terrorist groups" in Afghanistan and the action that is taken against them to prevent them from carrying out attacks in Pakistan.

"We have credible information that the (Afghan) Taliban regime is relocating TTP fighters within urban civilian populations," he said. "This is a tactic designed to falsely portray any necessary action by Pakistan against TTP terrorists as an attack on civilians." According to Afghan sources, the Taliban delegation came to Istanbul with specific instructions from their leader, Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada. The Taliban chief reportedly told his negotiators to make only those commitments that could be realistically fulfilled and warned them against yielding to Pakistani demands.

Exchange of fire

Expectations for the Istanbul round were already modest, given the deep mistrust between the two sides and the little progress made in the previous two rounds. The situation worsened briefly on Thursday afternoon after two people, including a woman, were killed on the Pakistani side in a cross-border exchange of fire at the Chaman-Spin Boldak crossing, threatening to derail the fragile dialogue.

Both sides accused the other of initiating the gunfire, though no casualties were reported. The incident, which lasted for a short time, came just hours after the opening session of talks in Istanbul.

"Afghan forces opened fire at Tasadaq and Iqbal Posts located along the Chaman border around 5pm, and Pakistani troops immediately retaliated and returned fire," an official told *Dawn*.

He said the mortars landed in the Vesh Mandi area. However, he said it was a brief exchange of fire and no loss of life or property was reported.

An Afghan official in Spin Boldak told Chaman-based journalists that the incident was a result of a misunderstanding arising from celebratory fire at a marriage ceremony.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, however, disputed the account, accusing Pakistani forces of violating the truce.

"While the third round of negotiations with the Pakistani side had begun in Istanbul, unfortunately, this afternoon Pakistani forces once again opened fire on Spin Boldak, causing concern among the local population," he said in a statement. "The Islamic emirate's forces, out of respect for the negotiation team and to prevent civilian casualties, have so far shown no reaction."

However, Pakistan rejected Mr Mujahid's claim as "baseless".

"We strongly reject claims circulated by the Afghan side regarding today's incident at the Pak-Afghan border at Chaman," the Information Ministry said. "Firing was initiated from the Afghan side, to which our security forces responded immediately in a measured and responsible manner."

It added that the situation was brought under control, and the ceasefire remains intact.

Saleem Shahid in Quetta also contributed to this report

THE BANK OF PUNJAB

PROCLAMATION OF SALE OF PLEDGED GOODS
(Section 176, Contract Act, 1872)

A/C: M/s Sumaira Flour Mills (Pvt.) Ltd.
18-KM, G.T. Road, Kala Shah Kaku

WHEREAS, M/s Sumaira Flour Mills (Pvt.) Ltd., 18-KM, G.T. Road, Kala Shah Kaku, ("Customer") availed various finance facilities from The Bank of Punjab ("BOP") and pledged goods by way of security.

AND WHEREAS, the Customer defaulted in repayment of its outstanding liabilities and, consequently, BOP issued a notice to the Customer, duly served on **September 13, 2025,** under Section 176 of the Contract Act, 1872, calling upon the Customer to clear the outstanding liability within thirty (30) days.

AND WHEREAS, the Customer has failed to make payment within the said notice period, and the thirty (30) days expired on **October 13, 2025.**

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of its rights as pledgee under Section 176 of the Contract Act, 1872, BOP hereby proclaims the sale of following pledged goods through public auction:

PARTICULARS OF PLEDGED GOODS

223,300 bags of wheat (50 KG each) stored in the godowns located at M/s Ramdan Flour Mills Pvt. Ltd., 2-KM, Kala Khatai Road, Shadarah, Lahore ("Site").

OUTSTANDING LIABILITY

PKR 880,939,555/- (Pak Rupees Eight Hundred Eighty Million, Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Five only), inclusive of mark-up up to September 30, 2025, and subject to further accruals.

SCHEDULE OF AUCTION

The proclamation of sale shall be pasted:

i. At the Site on: **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

ii. Auction of Pledged goods will be held at Site on: **Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 12:00 PM**

Venue: At Site i.e. M/s Ramdan Flour Mills Pvt. Ltd., 2-KM, Kala Khatai Road, Shadarah, Lahore

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

1. The pledged goods shall be sold by open public auction, and the Auction Proceedings will be held as per the Schedule mentioned above. The goods shall be put up for Sale on an "as is, where is" basis.

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Rs. 569.415 million (Pak Rupees Five Hundred Sixty-Nine Million Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Only)
The pledged goods have been valued by Bank's appointed 3-Valuators on PBA's panel and reserve price has been determined keeping in view highest FSV amongst the 3- valuations available on Bank's record. No sale shall take place below the reserve price. The valuation reports by the valuators can be inspected at any time during office hours on the 6th Floor, BOP Tower, Head Office, Gulberg-III, Lahore.

2. The stock(s) under sale can be inspected from 11th to 13th November 2025 from 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM at the Site mentioned above, or at any other time with the consent of Head SAMD, The Bank of Punjab, Lahore.
3. Every member of the general public will be entitled to bid on the auction for pledged goods mentioned above. To participate in the auction, interested parties shall be required to submit bank draft/pay order/CDR in the sum of PKR 1,000,000/- (Pak Rupees One Million Only), in the name of 'The Bank of Punjab' along with copy of CNIC and cell number of the bidder as earnest money before participating in the bidding process. Bank draft/pay order/CDR of unsuccessful bidders will be returned on the same day after conclusion of the bidding process.
4. The Customer is also at liberty to participate in the auction/bidding process and to purchase the same at a competitive price on the above terms and conditions.
5. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of the auctioned goods, provided always that the bidder is duly qualified to bid and provided further that it shall be discretion of the Bank to decline acceptance of the bid if, in the opinion of the Bank, the highest bid is deemed to be inadequate.
6. Upon acceptance of the bid, the successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately (inclusive of earnest money) or within such time as may be directed at the auction. The balance shall be payable within fifteen (15) days. In case of default, the deposit may be forfeited and the goods shall be re-auctioned.
7. The successful bidder(s) shall bear all applicable taxes and expenses, costs and charges in relation to the pledged goods being sold. Advance Income Tax under section 236A at the rate of Ten percent (10%) for filer & Twenty percent (20%) for non-filer shall be applicable. The Bank shall in no way be held responsible or accountable for the same.
8. The Bank shall not be responsible for the quality, quantity, condition, expiry, or any other attribute of the pledged goods.
9. Delivery of goods shall be made at the Site upon full payment, and all costs, risks, taxes, duties, levies and charges (including handling, storage, transportation, and insurance) shall thereafter be borne by the successful bidder (purchaser).
10. The Customer retains the right to redeem the pledged goods at any time before completion of the sale by paying the outstanding liability in full together with incidental expenses, in accordance with Section 177 of the Contract Act, 1872. The sale shall be stopped if such payment is made before the conclusion of the auction.
11. The net sale proceeds shall be applied towards the Customer's liabilities. Any shortfall shall remain recoverable from the Customer. All expenses incidental to the sale, including storage, handling, transportation and auction charges, shall be debited to the Customer's account.
12. BOP reserves the right to adjourn, postpone or cancel the auction, or to reject any or all bids at its discretion.
13. In case no bid is received, BOP may re-auction the pledged goods, or take such other steps for disposal as it reasonably considers appropriate.
14. Additional terms & conditions, if any, will be announced before commencement of open bidding.

Any further information can be obtained directly at address given below.

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Any reputable party interested to participate in the tender may send its request for tender document through SAP Ariba Portal Link by uploading the following documents:

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3.	OGDCL-SCM-LBI-PT-CESS-300983674-2025	CONSTRUCTION OF DUTY ROOM WITH BATH AND SEPTIC TANK AT WELL SONO 08, TANDO ALAM	26.11.2025 AT 1130 Hrs
4.	OGDCL-SCM-LBI-PT-CESS-301001287-2025	CONSTRUCTION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE YARDS AT CHANDA PLANT	27.11.2025 AT 1130 Hrs
5.	OGDCL-SCM-LBI-PT-CESS-301028509-2025	CONSTRUCTION OF ABLUTION PITS FOR MASJIDS AT QADIRPUR GAS FIELD	28.11.2025 AT 1130 Hrs

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